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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during a telephone interview conducted with Applicants' representative on April 24, 2003. During this interview, the Examiner clarified the interpretation of the "middle back area" and "middle chest area" language appearing in several claims. In light of the remarks included below, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the various rejections and allowance of the claims.